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# EIGHTBALL

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DON'T  
MISS

HIPYPANTS  
and PEACE BEAR



GHOST  
WORLD



THE **ORIGIN**  
OF DAN PUSSEY



GLUE  
DESTINY



1-2-3-4-5 / YOU'RE GOING TO THE GLUE FACTORY!

THAT MEANS I WIN!

NO, IT DOESN'T! GOD PETER, WE'VE BEEN HAVING THIS DISCUSSION SINCE WE WERE SEVEN -- THE LAST ONE LEFT ON THE BOARD WINS!

I HATE THIS GAME -- LET'S PLAY OYSTER HUNT!

YES, SIR!

Daniel Clowd

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... I REMEMBER  
WRITING THAT IN  
MY NOTEBOOK...











The End

# HIPPYPANTS and Peace Bear

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QUESTION  
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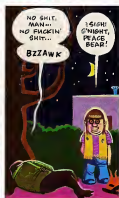
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HELLO,  
I LOVE YOU  
WOONCH TELL  
ME YUR NAME









# WHO SHAVES THE BARBER ?

write to :  
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... FROM WHAT WORKS I HAVE BEEN / READ BY YOU. I'VE DETERMINED THAT YOURS ARE PRETTY BRILLIANT - ALL THE WAY UP THERE WITH ROY CRANE, KAFKA, GALINGER, BENNY HILL, CHESTER BROWN AND LISA SHACKLES!

MICHELLE M'NEIL  
PAGADENA, CA.

... WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SHORT WORLD. I FOUND THE REST OF (EIGHTBALL#13) TO BE PRETTY DEPENDABLE. ALL THE SHORT PIECES, LIKE A LOT OF COMICS, ARE AN ENDORSEMENT RISE FOR THE MOST PART & I DO LAUGH MY HEAD OFF. BUT AT THE END I'M ALWAYS LEFT FEELING "WHAT WAS THE POINT?" ... I'M SURE I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT I THINK COLLECTORS ARE ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS AND FOR THAT REASON I WISH YOU WERE DOING LONGER NARRATIVES (LIKE YOUR "HEART LOVE") ... THE HAPPY EIGHTMAN WAS JUST A WASTE OF YOUR TIME AND THE SAME GOES FOR EIGHTMORPH. I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS ANYWAY. (NTH#1 - OK!) ... SOMETHING ELEVATED SHORT WORLD CLOSER TO THE REALM OF "ART". I WISH IT HAD RUN FOR THE ENTIRE ISSUE, OR THREE

FOUR ISSUES. I WISH THAT WAS YOUR APPROACH ... MAYBE YOU THINK YOU OWE IT TO SOME READERS TO HIT THEM OVER THE HEAD WITH THESE ABANDONED RUNNING THROATWORM STRIPS BUT DEEP DOWN THERE'S A LITTLE ARTIST INSIDE OF ME THAT SAYS "WAW BOTHER!"

JOE MATT  
TORONTO, ONT.

... GREAT ISSUE, #13, AS FOR THE LETTER FROM CAROL OF CHICAGO, IL: SHEAR SOME MORE PIS'S BLOOD ON YOURSELF, BITCH! ... SOME- BODIES IN CHICAGO IS BOUND TO FIND YOU ATTRACTIVE! WHO KNOWS, MAYBE TIM BURNHILL WILL SEND YOU A LIBERTY ALE!! PABST'S READ EIGHTBALL TOO, YOU HOMOPHOBIC, PSEUDO- MACHO TWAT! FUCK YOU!

SCOTT "THE FRO- GOT" FORSYTHE  
NEW YORK, NY.

... A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO I OVERHEARD A COUPLE OF GUYS TALKING ABOUT YOU AND PETER BAGGE. APPARENTLY ONE OF THEM HAD MET THE TWO OF YOU IN SAN DIEGO. ANYWAY, THE CONVERSATION WENT LIKE THIS:  
"SEAN, I MET DAN CLOWES AND PETER BAGGE AT THE 'CON'."  
"REALLY? WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?"

"WELL, PETER BAGGE IS LIKE A REAL SERIOUS LITERARIAN AND DAN CLOWES IS JUST WEIRD."

BILL FLEHER  
SHEWAN OAKS, CA.

I JUST FINISHED READING WHY I HATE CHRISTIANS (EIGHTBALL#10) AND I FELT COMPELLED TO WRITE - I'M A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN. THERE ARE NO "SPIRITUAL RETARDES"... REGARDLESS OF YOUR FAITH (OR LACK OF) THE QUESTION OF GOD'S EXISTENCE IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. IF WHEN WE DO WE "SIMPLY PUT" AND THAT'S IT THEN THAT'S IT. BUT IF WE ARE SPIRITUALLY ETERNAL AND THERE IS MORE, WHERE WILL YOU STAND?

TO SAY THAT THERE IS NO GOD WITHOUT ABSOLUTE PROOF IS AS FOOLISH AS SAYING THAT THERE IS INDEED A GOD WITHOUT PROOF AND ANY PROOF I SUGGEST THIS: ROOM AN UNBIASED OPINION. BE A CLEAN SLATE AND WITH A SINCERE HEART AND MIND LOOK FOR GOD. THAT NOW, ALONE, IN YOUR ROOM - IN YOUR CAR, ASK HIM IF HE'S THERE. NO ONE ELSE. ASK HIM WHO HE IS. IF CHRISTIANS ARE SO SMALL-MINDED AS YOU SAY, THEN SURELY AN OPEN MIND SUCH AS YOURS SHOULD BE WILLING TO AT LEAST TRY SOMETHING

AS "CRAZY" AS THIS ... AT LEAST WE BOTH AGREE ON SOMETHING... WE'RE BOTH GOING TO PHYSICALLY DIE EVENTUALLY. BUT ONLY ONE OF US IS RIGHT AS TO WHERE WE GO FROM THERE ... TAKE IT EASY AND THANKS FOR LISTENING!

STEVE CRESSO  
BRONX, NY.

... MY NAME IS KYLE BINKUS. I AM FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF MY MAGAZINE SHARDS ... I TOO LIVE IN MY OWN INFLATED LITTLE WORLD OF FANTASY. I OFTEN WISHING THAT WHEN SCHOOL GETS BACK IN SESSION SHARDS IS GOING TO BECOME SOME KIND OF MADE SPOOLS AND I'LL BE PLACED ON A PEDESTAL BY HUNDREDS OF FANS. GIRLS WILL FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR THE CHANCE TO GUCK THE DICK OF GENS- ITIVE ARTIST KYLE BINKUS. HOWEVER, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH A FEMALE. HOWEVER, I WANT TO FIND A GIRL WHO UNDERSTANDS ME, NOT ONE OF THE SELF- OBSESSED, TREND-HOPPING, UPPER-MIDDLE CLASS WITLESS WHORE BITCHES WHO POPULATE MY SCHOOL!

KYLE BINKUS  
FRANKFORD, IL.



# THE ORIGIN OF DAN PUSSEY!

YOUR NAME IS **DAN PUSSEY** and you're the **MOST POPULAR PENCILER** in comics today! But did you know **BAD HANDS** before the good side in order to understand your true character we must first look at your **EARLY YEARS**, when **CREATIVE FLOWER** was blossoming in your mind...







The years pass, and while others engage in various childish pursuits, you have the craft that will one day make you famous. It is a struggle wrought with sacrifice and, sadly, a neglect of those subtle lessons of interaction that separate the tortured artist from his people...









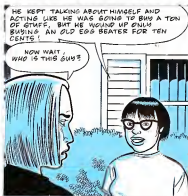


And though yours is a **HARD-WON, SELF-DETERMINED** success, you are never at a loss to give of yourself to those who would be the **PUSSEYS** of TOMORROW...



# GHOST WORLD









WELL ANYWAY YOU GUYS  
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU!  
CALL ME!

BYE  
MELORRA.



YEAH RIGHT! LIKE I'M  
GONNA BE NICE TO CARRIE  
VANDENBURG AFTER HER  
STUPID BOYFRIEND CALLED  
ME A DICK!

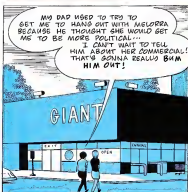
I WOULD, BUT  
I'M TOO BUSY GOING  
ON "AUDITIONS"!



I KNOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE  
THAT BITCH? SINCE WHEN  
IS SHE A FUCKING ACTRESS?!

WE'VE GOT TO SEE  
THAT COMMERCIAL!

NO KIDDING!



MY DAD USED TO TRY TO  
GET ME TO HANG OUT WITH MELORRA  
BECAUSE HE THOUGHT SHE WOULD GET  
ME TO BE MORE POLITICAL...  
I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL  
HIM ABOUT HER COMMERCIAL!  
THAT'S GONNA REALLY BURN  
HIM OUT!



IF I GET  
THIS WILL YOU  
EAT HALF OF  
IT?

SHH...  
OH MY GOD, WILL  
YOU LOOK AT THIS...  
IT'S TOTALLY PORNO-  
GRAPHIC! WHO DO  
THEY THINK THEY'RE  
KIDDING!?



ARE THEY REALLY SO  
DESPERATE TO SELL COOKIES  
THAT THEY HAVE TO SHOW A  
BIG DICK GOING INTO A CHUNT  
ON THE PACKAGE!?

SHH! IF THEY WERE  
HONEST THEY'D  
JUST TAKE A  
PHOTO OF A REAL  
DICK AND...

SHH!



LOOK!  
IS THAT WHO  
I THINK IT  
IS?

OH MY  
GOD!!



I CAN'T BELIEVE  
IT! WE ARE  
SO LUCKY!  
HOW DID YOU  
KNOW IT WAS  
THEM?

IT'S TOTALLY  
OBVIOUS!

I KNOW!

OH MY GOD, WE  
HAVE TO SEE WHAT  
THEY'RE SAYING!



